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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 18, 2007 ("Office Action"), a six-month period for reply to which expires after January 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application and its reconsideration based upon the amendments and the following remarks. Applicants request a three-month extension of time to file a Response to the Office Action.

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**Conclusion** starts on page 13 of this paper.

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